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EPPS, VERSIE JEANNE WARE
On February 13, 1984, of Columbia, Maryland. **VERSIE JEANNE WARE EPPS** was born on July 12, 1940 in Washington, D.C. to Bertha Shipps and the late Omega J.C. Ware, Sr. She was educated in the public schools of Washington, D.C. and later attended D.C. Teachers College. Versie was then employed by the Federal Government where she met and later married Ceferino A. Epps on October 11, 1963. To this union, two children were born, Monica Lavonne and Todd Hamilton. She was most recently pursuing her career in advertising sales at The Washington Post. Versie enjoyed life, including traveling, the theatre, the opera, classical music, physical fitness and most of all her "oldies but goodies" collection. She leaves behind, her daughter Monica, son Todd, their father Ceferino Epps, her mother Bertha Ware, a brother Omega and a host of many loving relatives and friends. Friends may call between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday, February 16 at the **STEWART FUNERAL HOME**, 4001 Benning Rd., ne, where funeral services will be held at 1 p.m.

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Youth Held in Stabbing Death of Mother



VERSIE W. EPPS
... died after multiple stab wounds

A 16-year-old Columbia youth has been charged with the stabbing death of his mother at their home Monday night, according to Howard County police.

Police said Todd Hamilton Epps was charged as an adult with first degree murder in the slaying of Versie W. Epps, 43, a display advertising saleswoman for The Washington Post.

Police said the victim telephoned police at 7:47 p.m. to report that she had been stabbed.

When police arrived, they found her in the dining room, conscious, with the phone in her hand.

She had suffered multiple stab wounds in the head, neck and body, police said.

She was taken to Howard County General Hospital, where she died at 9:10 p.m.

Based on information that police said she provided, her son was arrested at 9:30 p.m. as he was walking along Tama Drive about a mile from home.

He was taken to Howard County General Hospital, where he was treated for bites and cuts to his fingers and hands.

"The stabbing apparently occurred following a domestic-related argument," according to police spokeswoman Kathy Schlossnagle said.

After being released from the hospital,

the teen-ager was charged as an adult with first degree murder, said Schlossnagle.

A Howard County judge refused to set bail for the youth and ordered him sent to Clifton T. Perkins Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

Schlossnagle said the youth attended Forbush School, which is part of the child and adolescent psychiatry division of Sheppard Pratt Hospital in Baltimore.

A Forbush School spokeswoman confirmed that Epps was enrolled, but would not release further details.

According to police, the youth's parents were divorced; he and his mother lived in the single-family house.

The victim was a native of the District and a graduate of Spingarn High School. She attended D.C. Teachers College (now a part of the University of the District of Columbia).

A 19-year-old daughter attends Trinity College in the District.

Epps came to The Post in September 1968 as a general clerk in the promotion department. She was promoted in April 1973 to the position of sales representative in retail advertising.

In recent years she had been assigned to handle major fashion accounts for The Post.